

News Release

Summer Camps at the U of M Crookston Designed for Students of Varying Ages and Interests; New Additions Include Discovery Day Camp, Robotics Camp, and a River Watch Camp for Students and Educators

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It is time to think about summer by checking out one or more of the summer camps offered at the University of Minnesota, Crookston in 2010. If you are interested in horses, honing your leadership skills, participating in River Watch, exploring robotics, or designing a computer game, the Crookston campus has what you are looking for. For registration forms and more information, visit the U of M, Crookston Web page for campers at www.umcrookston.edu/camps. Following is a list of camps offered for the summer of 2010.

Wednesday, June 2, repeated Wednesday, June 9 - Equestrian Day Camp for Beginner Riders. This is an exciting day camp designed for learning about riding and caring for horses. It is appropriate for young riders with one year or less of lessons or formal riding in any discipline. Campers must be 8 years old or older. All activities during camp are designed to introduce and explain the equestrian industry to campers in a fun and interactive way. The fee for this camp is \$60 for those who register before one week prior to camp date (\$75 after the one week deadline). The fee is due at the time of registration. Contact ADawn Melbye at 218-281-8125 for details.

June 7 and 8 - It's Fishy! Discovery Day Camp. A camp for 7th and 8th grade students that teaches the math and science behind some interesting everyday phenomena regarding fish -- and some unusual science as well. For example participants will mummify their own fish and learn the science that allowed the ancient Egyptians to accomplish this extraordinary ritual. The fee for this camp is \$40 and includes all meals and activities. Check-in is at 8 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday, and parents can pick attendees up at 4:30 p.m. both days. For more information, contact Brian Dingmann at 218-281-8249.

June 14 - 16 (Session 1: CANCELED), repeated July 19 - 21 - Robotics Camp. A camp for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students, who will learn about the math, science, and technology associated with robotics. Over three days attendees will work in teams to design, build, and program a Lego MINDStrom NXT 2.0 robot from a kit. The fee for this camp is \$225 and includes meals and activities. At the end of the camp, students may purchase a Lego MINDStorm robot kit for \$250. Check-in is at 8:45 a.m. daily, and parents can pick camp attendees up at 4:30 p.m. on each of the three days

June 20 - 24 - River Watch Boot Camp for Resource Managers, Educators, and Teachers. This companion River Watch boot camp is designed for all levels of science teachers--from the reluctant biologist to the intrepid field explorer--as well as resource managers and other education professionals. The lesson plans will be based in part on curriculum of the River Watch Citizen Monitoring Program developed by River Watch Coordinator Wayne Goeken. The program engages K-12 teachers and citizens in developing an understanding of the natural and human-built environment of the Red River Basin of the U.S. and Canada with special reference to watershed dynamics, river monitoring, and ecological and sustainability principles as they interact with various land uses. Cost for the camp is \$500, and additional options are available for undergraduate or graduate credit through the U of M, College of Education and Human Development. Contact Dan Svedarsky, director, Center for Sustainability at 218-281-8129 to learn more.

June 20 - 26 - Equestrian Camp. The Equestrian Camp is designed to teach high school students about riding and caring for horses. This hands-on camp will have participants riding up to twice a day, but riders do not need to have riding experience, just a passion for horses. The camp will be challenging enough for experienced riders. Both Hunt and Western styles will be taught. The fee for this camp is \$650 and is due at the time of registration. It includes all meals, activities, room and board. Contact ADawn Melbye at 218-281-8125 for more information.

June 20 - 26 - Computer Game Design Camp. A camp for both experts and beginners, Game Design Camp participants will learn the fundamentals of game design, modeling, simulation, and will receive hands-on training of commercial game editors in an engaging workshop setting. By day, learning and workshops, by night, game competitions and fun. Registration is \$595 for this week-long camp, which includes meals, activities, room and board. It is recommended for students in grades 9-12 (15-19 years old). This camp has limited room available; interested students should register early. Contact David DeMuth at 218-280-9322 to learn more.

July 26 - 30 - River Watch Boot Camp for Students. Students can sharpen their water skills during this three-day camp designed specifically for them. Learn more about protecting our valuable water resources through activities designed to enhance student knowledge of our ecosystem. For more information, contact David DeMuth at 218-280-9322.

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